

CITY OF SAN DIEGO M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 9, 2001

TO: Charles G. Abdelnour, City Clerk

FROM: Year 2000 Redistricting Commission

SUBJECT: Filing of Preliminary Redistricting Plan

The City of San Diego Year 2000 Redistricting Commission is vested with the sole and exclusive authority to adopt plans which specify the boundaries of districts for the City Council. The Redistricting Commission adopted a Preliminary Redistricting Plan on June 29, 2001. The vote was unanimous with all seven members of the Commission voting to adopt. The Plan complies with the redistricting criteria established by the Commission and is in conformance with the requirements of the U.S. Constitution, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the San Diego City Charter. The Commission also relied on traditional redistricting principals in drawing and adopting the new City Council boundaries. The following principals are observed:

Equalize the population by forming City Council districts designated by numbers 1 to 8 inclusive that contain, as nearly as practicable, one-eighth of the total population of the city as shown by the Federal Census;

Avoid diluting the voting strength of protected classes as set forth in the 1965 Voting Rights Act;

Provide fair and effective representation for all citizens of the City, including racial, ethnic, and language minorities;

Use contiguous territory to form districts;

Use whole Census tracts or blocks, and correct for blocks split in previous plans;

Preserve identifiable communities of interest;

Observe natural boundaries as district dividing lines;

Compose districts that are as geographically compact as possible; and
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Avoid drawing district boundaries for the purpose of advantaging or protecting incumbents.

The Redistricting Commission convened 32 public meetings between October 25, 2000 and June 29, 2001, each noticed in accordance with the Brown Act. Included among those 32 meetings were eight widely publicized Public Hearings, one in each Council District, exceeding the requirement of the San Diego City Charter to hold at least four (4) public hearings in various geographic areas of the City before the preparation of a Preliminary Redistricting Plan.

A map of the Preliminary Redistricting Plan (Adopted June 29, 2001) is attached. This Plan represents minimal change from the existing 1991 City Council district boundaries. The changes, based on Census 2000 geography, are summarized as follows:

1. Uniting the communities of Linda Vista, Clairemont Mesa and Kearny Mesa, and adjusting population between the two districts, by moving Census tracts 85.10, 86.00, 87.01, 90.00 and half of 85.11 (Census blocks 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068 and 1069) from Council District 5 to Council District 6.
2. Uniting the community of Egger Highlands with other South Bay communities by moving Census tracts 101.03 and 101.04, and that portion of Census tract 99.02 south of the Coronado Bridge from Council District 2 to Council District 8.
3. Uniting the community of East Village, and adjusting population between the two districts, by moving most of Census tract 51 from Council District 8 to Council District 2. Census blocks 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 3036 remain in Council District 8 to maintain the integrity of the Barrio Logan Community Planning Area boundaries.
4. Uniting the community of South Park by moving portions of Census tract 42.00 (portions of Census blocks 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2026 and all of Census block 2013) from Council District 8 to Council District 3.
5. Uniting the community of Pacific Beach, and adjusting population between the two districts, by moving Census tracts 80.02 and 78.00, the eastern halves of

Census tracts 79.03 (Census blocks 1000,1001,1002, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005 and 2006) and 79.04 (Census block group 3 and blocks 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008,

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2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 4000, 4005, 4006 and 4011) and portions of Census tracts 83.01 and 83.10 from Council District 6 to Council District 2.

6. Adjusting the population between the two districts, and adjusting for whole Census geography, by moving the southeastern section of the community of La Jolla in the area of Mt. Soledad, portions of Census tracts 83.01 and 83.10, from Council District 1 to Council District 2.
7. Adjusting the population between the two districts, and recognizing Interstate 5 as the natural boundary line, by moving the community of Cortez, portions of Census tract 56.00 (Census blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, and 2054) from Council District 3 to Council District 2.
8. Adjusting the population between the two districts by moving the community of Park West, Census tracts 59.00 and 60.00 from Council District 3 to Council District 2.
9. Uniting the community of Hillcrest by moving Census tract 4.00 from Council District 2 to Council District 3.
10. Uniting the community of University Heights by moving Census tract 5.00 from Council District 2 to Council District 3.
6. Adjusting the population between the two districts by moving the western side of the Miramar military base, the western half of Census tract 94.00 (Census blocks 1005, 1006, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022 and 1023), from Council District 5 to Council District 7.
7. Uniting the community of Talmadge by moving the western portion of Census tract 28.03 (Census block groups 1, 2 and 3) from Council District 7 to Council District 3.
8. Uniting the community of Oak Park, and recognizing College Avenue and Streamview Drive as the natural boundaries, by moving portions of Census tract 27.03 (Census block groups 3 and 4) from Council District 7 to Council District 4.

9. Adjusting for population between the two districts by moving the community of Webster, Census tract 34.01 from Council District 4 to Council District 7.

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In accordance with the requirements of the City Charter, the Redistricting Commission will convene at least three (3) Public Hearings in various geographic areas of the city during the next thirty (30) days and before a Final Redistricting Plan is adopted. The Redistricting Commission may make changes to this Preliminary Plan or may adopt it as is. The Final Redistricting Plan shall be effective thirty (30) days after adoption and shall be subject to the right of referendum in the same manner as are ordinances of the City Council. If rejected by referendum, the same Redistricting Commission shall create a new plan pursuant to the criteria set forth in Sections 5 and 5.1 of the San Diego City Charter.

The members of the City of San Diego Year 2000 Redistricting Commission appreciate the comments and advice of the many residents of the city who participated in the redistricting process over the past eight months.

Respectfully submitted,

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